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SUBJ: UNIFIL: FIRST REACTION TO MAY 2 EVENTS AROUND TYRE

REF: JERUSALEM 1259

1. US SOURCE CONFIMED TO US AFTERNOON MAY 3 THAT FINAL
COUNT OF YESTERDAY'S EVENTS NEAR TYRE IS THREE DEAD
(TWO FRENCH AND 1 SENEGALESE) WITH NINE WOUNDED AND ALL
MISSING TROOPS NOW ACCOUNTED FOR. ONE UK CIVILIAN
FIELD SERVICE EMPLOYEE MISSING; HE WAS LAST SEEN
DEPARTING BEIRUT 1600 MAY 2. FOR NAQOURA.

2. COLONEL SALVAN'S WOUNDS CAME ABOUT WHEN HIS
VEHICLE WAS STOPPED BY CROWD OF PALESTINIANS NEAR
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ROAD INTERSECTION EAST OF TYRE. PLO LIAISON OFFICER
ACCOMPANYING JUMPED OUT TO DISPERSE CROWD
AND WHILE HE OUT OF CAR, SOMEONE RIDDLED IT WITH
AUTOMATIC FIRE.

3. DESPITE PALESTINIAN DENIALS, REPORTED IN PRESS,
UN SOURCE SAYS HE HAS NO EVIDENCE BUT THAT INCIDENTS

CAUSED BY PALESTINIANS NOT LEBANESE LEFTISTS.

4. SOURCE TELLS US THAT SIILASVUO IS RECOMMENDING TO UNNY THAT FRENCH PULLOUT OF TYRE BARRACKS AND MOVE TO BEEF UP CHECKPOINTS AROUND TYRE WITH AIM OF PREVENTING INFILTRATION INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON. ADMITTEDLY SUCH A MOVE WILL MAKE UNIFIL ACCESS INTO AND AROUND TYRE MORE DICEY BUT PRIMARY MISSION SEEN AS PREVENTING ARMED INFILTRATORS INTO SOUTH. SOURCE SAYS THAT SIILASVUO WILL REPORT THAT INFILTRATION EFFORTS HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS IN PAST DAY OR SO WITH GROUPS OF AS MANY AS 50 GETTING THROUGH. IN ADDITION, SOURCE SAYS THERE ARE SOME UNARMED PERSONNEL WHO ARE PRESUMED TO PICK UP WEAPONS FROM CASHES HIDDEN IN SOUTH.
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